



November 14, 2017

***Ex Parte Notice***

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, November 13, 2017, Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), spoke with Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel regarding matters in the above-referenced proceeding.

Consistent with prior advocacy, NTCA highlighted the need to remedy shortfalls in high-cost universal service fund (“USF”) support that are undermining the intended effectiveness of the USF programs as reformed last year. NTCA urged in particular that the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) pursue a recommended, readily available path toward helping to mitigate the pervasive insufficiency of USF support. *See Ex Parte* Letter from Michael R. Romano, Sr. Vice President, NTCA, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Commission, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed Aug. 15, 2017).

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano  
Michael R. Romano  
Senior Vice President –  
Industry Affairs & Business Development

cc: Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel